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MAJORITY LEADER ARESIMOWICZ AND STATE OFFICIALS OPEN CONNECTICUT STATE VETERANS MEMORIAL

*Memorial Pays Tribute to the More Than 1.3 Million U.S. Military Veterans from
Connecticut*

(HARTFORD, CT) – House Majority Leader Joe Aresimowicz (D – Berlin/Southington), Governor Dannel P. Malloy, and Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, today joined Congressman John Larson, and Berlin resident Sergeant Peter Galgano Jr., to officially commemorate the opening of the Connecticut State Veterans Memorial.

Located inside of Minuteman Park at the intersection of Capitol Avenue and Broad Street in Hartford – directly in front of the William A. O'Neill State Armory – the memorial pays tribute to the more than 1.3 million men and women from Connecticut who served honorably in the U.S. military in defense of our freedom. It recognizes past, present, and future Connecticut veterans and will serve as a site for official observances, activities, and ceremonies that honor veterans.

“Having this memorial located directly across from the Armory, but also next to the Legislative Office Building is a great representation of the significant role that veterans play in protecting our democracy and our quality of life,” said Aresimowicz. “I want to thank Peter for not only his service, but his many years of dedication and commitment to veterans and for all the countless hours he devoted to the committee to establish this memorial.”

The memorial features pillars representing the five branches of the military, large stones reflecting U.S. wars and conflicts, and smaller granite pavers engraved with the names of Connecticut veterans.

“Our veterans have served bravely and sacrificed much for the sake of our freedoms,” Larson said. “I commend the Connecticut Veterans State Memorial Committee for their tireless work on this tribute. We owe our veterans much, and I am proud to see their heroism recognized today.”

The landmark event was coordinated by the dedicated committee of veterans and volunteers of the Connecticut State Veterans Memorial, Inc., a nonprofit organization established exclusively to raise funds for and build a statewide memorial to honor all Connecticut veterans. Sergeant Peter Galgano Jr. served as Co-President of the Connecticut State Veterans Memorial Board of Directors.

“It is especially gratifying that so many veterans’ organizations and families of veterans stepped forward and helped to support the construction of this project,” said Galgano. “This is particularly evident in the hundreds of personalized granite pavers placed at this site, permanently remembering Connecticut servicemen and women forever.”

The walkways of granite engraved pavers are important elements of the memorial. Hundreds of 6” x 12” pavers offer state residents a meaningful way to honor or memorialize a special veteran, and the funds raised support the development of this important memorial. Engraved pavers for the memorial may still be ordered. Paver order forms can be found by visiting the memorial’s website, www.CTHonorsVets.org or calling 860-616-3603.

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Joe Aresimowicz is serving his sixth term representing the 30th Assembly District of Berlin and Southington in the Connecticut General Assembly, where he is House Majority Leader.